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AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJECT: SPECIALIST HOSPITALS IN NIGERIA

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1. EMBASSY IN PROCESS OF TRYING TO ACCUMULATE DATA REQUESTED REFTELS. FOR INFORMATION ON STATE PROJECTS IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO GO TO INDIVIDUAL STATE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. WITH AID OF CONSULATES IN IBADAN AND KADUNA WE HAVE ATTEMPTED MAKE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES BUT IN MOST CASES ARE STILL AWAITING REPLY.

2. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM WESTERN STATE GOVERNMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) OF 25 DISTRICT HOSPITALS PLANNED, 12 HAVE BEEN BUILT (BY AN ITALIAN FIRM) UNDER CONSTRUCTOR-FINANCING ARRANGEMENT. MINISTRY UNHAPPY WITH BOTH FINAL PRODUCT AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENT. HOSPITALS BEING REDESIGNED BY MINISTRY OF WORKS, WITH NEW DESIGN EXPECTED EARLY DECEMBER. MINISTRY DOES NOT EXPECT HOWEVER COMPLETE MORE THAN ONE ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL DURING CURRENT PLAN PERIOD (1970-75), REMAINING ONES BEING PROGRAMMED FOR 1975-80 PLAN.

(B) CONTRACT FOR EXTENSION OF T.B. WARD AT JERICHO UNCLASSIFIED

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NURSING HOME, IBADAN, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO LOCAL CONTRACTOR.

(C) LEPROSY HOSPITALS AT ABEOKUTA AND AKURA TO BE BUILT DURING 1975-80 PLAN PERIOD BY MINISTRY OF WORKS. DESPITE EVIDENT NEED, NO PRIORITY PLACED ON THESE HOSPITALS FOR CURRENT PLAN PERIOD.

- 3. WE HOPE TO HAVE INFORMATION ON HOSPITAIS PLANNED BY LAGOS STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY NOVEMBER 1, AND WILL CABLE TO WASHINGTON WITH COPY TO LONDON FOR THOMAS. PLEASE HAVE THOMAS CONTACT AMEMBASSY LONDON ON ARRIVAL.
- 4. DATA ON HEALTH BUDGET FOR EACH STATE AS WELL AS FEDERAL GOVT ARE INCLUDED IN RECURRENT AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES, SUPPLIED TO COMMERCE THROUGH CERP PUBLICATION CHANNELS. ESTIMATEE FOR 1973-74 SHOW, FOR EACH PROJECT, ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 1971-72, AS WELL AS PLANNED EXPENDITURES 1972-73 AND 1973-74.
- 5. WE HAVE NOT YET APPROACHED COSTAIN LOCAL REP FOR FURTHER DATA. ASSUME HE HAS ACCUMULATED CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION AND PASSED IT ON TO LONDON OFFICE. IS THERE ANY REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT MAKE USE OF HIS PRIOR RESEARCH? REINHARDT

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